



The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

Executive Department  
State of Idaho

*WHEREAS, water is a basic and essential need of humankind, as our health, comfort and standard of living depend upon an abundant supply of safe water; and*

*WHEREAS, Idaho recognizes that an adequate and dependable supply of water is crucial to the economic well being of its agricultural and industrial economies; and*

*WHEREAS, Idaho residents and businesses rely on economical electrical energy generated by hydroelectric facilities situated on Idaho rivers and canals; and*

*WHEREAS, Idaho residents and visitors cite the environmental beauty and productivity of Idaho's lakes, rivers, and ground water as a reason for visiting or living here; and*

*WHEREAS, some 14,000 Idaho sixth grade students across the state are concentrating their studies this week on the role of water in their life and in the livelihood of their state; and*

*WHEREAS, water education activities are being held around Idaho including water festivals, field trips, and classroom presentations for the benefit of our youth; and*

*WHEREAS, water is truly Idaho's most precious natural resource -- the lifeblood of our state--it is appropriate to set aside a special time to call upon all Idahoans, young and old, to learn about the importance of water in their lives and to learn how they can protect and conserve our precious water resources;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the week of May 8 through 12, 2006 to be*

**IDAHO WATER AWARENESS WEEK**

*in Idaho, and I encourage all Idahoans and visitors to make every effort to conserve our water resources and endeavor to keep our water resources clean and safe. I also urge all our citizens to recognize the value, importance and fragility of our water resources, since without water our land and our future would dry up.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this seventh day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and six and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirtieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred sixteenth.*

DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE